

I was honored today to be one of the featured speakers at Chicago's Bio convention on the subject of stem cell research.

Research on stem cells is the most promising way we can find cures for cancer, diabetes and heart disease. President Bush's stem cell research policy is too restrictive. That is why Congressman Bass (R-NH) and I made the passage of the "Castle-Degette" bipartisan stem cell bill the center achievement of our Moderate Tuesday Group.

With the help of of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and other patient advocacy groups, we won last summer - with 238 Republicans and Democrats joining to pass the House stem cell research bill.

With 30,000 biologists and other professionals at Chicago's Bio convention at McCormick Place, I had the ideal audience to outline our effort to win Senate passage of the House stem cell bill.

I released a list of 26 Senators advocates should contact to pass the stem cell research bill. Now let's go to work...and if you know a volunteer for JDRF thank them for the House victory.